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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$31,810 IN GRANTS TO THE CITY OF VANDALIA FOR SIRENS AND PATROL CAR

In a mock check ceremony on August 26, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$31,810 to the City of Vandalia. Funds were used to purchase two new early storm warning sirens and one new patrol car for Vandalia, a community of 3,863 residents. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities Disaster Grant of \$15,910 for the patrol car and a \$15,900 Community Facilities Grant, for the two sirens, from USDA, Rural Development regular allocations. Additionally, the City of Vandalia provided \$13,022 toward the total cost of the patrol car and \$13,078 towards the purchase of the two new sirens.



Pictured left to right: John Weiser a City of Vandalia alderman; State Representative Terry Witte; Cheryl Elliott of the New London USDA office; Carolyn Wisecarver, Director of the Pike County Economic Development Authority; Katy Disinger of Senator Claire McCaskill's office; Police Chief Tony Lair; City of Vandalia Mayor Raymond Barnes; Janie Dunning the USDA Rural Development State Director, Vandalia Police Officer Scott Knehn; Alan Winders the Vandalia City Administrator; Karen Shaw the Vandalia City Clerk and Steven Gerrish of USDA Rural Development



“Ensuring that the community of Vandalia has the proper emergency response equipment is vital to the safety and well-being of its citizens,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I’m pleased to hear that the City of Vandalia, with the help of competitive grant funding from the USDA, has been able to purchase a new patrol car and warning sirens for emergency situations.”

Alan Winders, City of Vandalia City Administrator stated, “The patrol car and early warning sirens are examples of the investment that is continually made in favor of public safety by the City of Vandalia.

These two investments are also examples of the excellent partner the USDA can be. We deeply appreciate the considerable financial assistance provided by USDA on these projects, on previous

projects and on future projects. The USDA clearly understands that investment and partnership are necessary to maintain and improve the quality of life we enjoy in rural Missouri.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential equipment for the city,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the New London Office at 17623 Highway 19, New London, MO 63459 or by calling (573) 985-7211 - ext 4.

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